

# CITY VIEWS

WINTER 2019 | CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

FROM OIL FIELDS  
IN 1924



TO A THRIVING  
COMMUNITY  
IN 2019



SIGNAL HILL  
CELEBRATES  
95 YEARS



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# SIGNAL HILL'S 95TH ANNIVERSARY

In April 2019, the City of Signal Hill will be turning 95. To help us celebrate, we're looking for historical photos and your personal stories of Signal Hill's past. Photos and stories may be featured on social media, in the monthly e-newsletter, and/or in an upcoming issue of City Views. Please send us your stories and digitized photos via email to [social@cityofsignalhill.org](mailto:social@cityofsignalhill.org) or bring your photos to City Hall during regular business hours.

## IS COMING SOON!



In 1921, Royal Dutch Shell Oil Company hit the first oil gusher on Signal Hill, announcing the discovery of a massive oil field. This set off a major oil boom throughout the 1920's, as oil companies flocked to Signal Hill. In a short time, hundreds of derricks dotted the landscape, generating hundreds of thousands of gallons of oil per day. In April 1924, the City of Signal Hill was officially incorporated, electing California's first female mayor, Mrs. Jessie Nelson. Over the years, the oil derricks gradually disappeared, as homes and businesses took their place. Today, Signal Hill is a thriving community with a diverse population and economy.







### REFURBISHED PUBLIC ART

The window panels and mister tower at Hilltop Park were repaired and renovated.

### LIBRARY GROUNDBREAKING

In early 2018, we kicked off construction of Signal Hill's brand-new Public Library. Completion is scheduled for summer 2019!

### ADOPTED A BALANCED BUDGET

The City adopted a structurally balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

### MOTHER'S MARKET GRAND OPENING

Mother's Market & Kitchen opened a new organic grocery store at 2475 Cherry Avenue. This is Mother's first store outside of Orange County, where the chain was founded back in 1978.



### HOUNDS ON THE HILL

Dogs and their owners roamed Signal Hill Park to enjoy pet-friendly games, crafts, vendors and more. Both dogs and cats were available for adoption, and the event offered low-cost pet vaccinations, dog licensing and microchipping.

# Looking Back on



## WEBSITE LAUNCH

We gave our official website a makeover! In the summer of 2018, the City launched a brand-new website with a fresh, new look, improved navigation, and a functional mobile design. Check it out at [www.cityofsignalhill.org](http://www.cityofsignalhill.org).

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## DOG PARK GRAND OPENING

Signal Hill opened its first dog park in March 2018! The park, located at 3100 California Avenue, features separate areas for small and large dogs, pet drinking fountains, dog play equipment, benches, and shade.



## HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

We had a spooky good time at the annual Halloween Carnival! Around 1,300 children enjoyed 26 game booths, two photo areas, two jumpers, and a haunted maze. We gave out 2,500 prizes and more than 300 pounds of candy!

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## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The 35th Annual National Night Out brought Signal Hill together for an evening of family fun and games.

# 2018







## THANK YOU TO OUR 2019 HOMELESS COUNT VOLUNTEERS

The City extends its gratitude to the 15 community volunteers who joined City staff and officers from the Signal Hill Police Department to participate in the annual Signal Hill/Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count on the evening of January 23.

The annual Homeless Count helps officials determine the number of homeless individuals and families on any given night in Los Angeles County. The Count is important because it raises awareness about the state of homelessness in the County, and helps bring vital community resources to where they're needed most. For more information on how you can help our homeless neighbors, and more information on the annual Homeless Count, visit <http://www.lahsa.org>.



## EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Signal Hill Senior Police Officer Don Moreau is the City's 2018 Employee of the Year. He serves as a senior patrol officer and as the Police Department's Homeless Liaison Officer. Sr. Officer Moreau devotes much of his time to working with our citizens who are experiencing homelessness. He is regularly out on the streets interacting with the homeless community, working to gain their trust, and helping to connect them with services and assistance. He's forged relationships with several regional agencies and works closely with outreach teams and mental health clinicians. Sr. Officer Moreau prides himself on helping others, and he does his job with great care and compassion. Congratulations Sr. Officer Moreau!

## OFNOTE

## STAY IN THE KNOW – FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Be among the first to learn about events, news and other happenings from the City of Signal Hill. Follow our pages on Facebook, check "See First", and never miss an important update!

**Sign Up for Our E-Newsletter**

Can't wait for City Views to arrive in your mailbox? Subscribe to our e-newsletter to receive monthly updates from the City of Signal Hill, sent directly to your e-mail. Visit [cityofsignalhill.org/enewsletter](http://cityofsignalhill.org/enewsletter) to sign up!

- **City of Signal Hill Main Page:**  
[facebook.com/cityofsignalhill](https://facebook.com/cityofsignalhill)
- **Community Services Department:**  
[facebook.com/signalhillcommunityservices](https://facebook.com/signalhillcommunityservices)
- **Signal Hill Public Library:**  
[facebook.com/signalhillpubliclibrary](https://facebook.com/signalhillpubliclibrary)



## VOLUNTEERS AND SPONSORS SHINE BRIGHT IN 2018

In January, the Community Services Department honored volunteers who supported Signal Hill programs and events in 2018 at their annual Volunteer and Sponsor Recognition Dinner. Award recipients were recognized for their unwavering commitment and dedication to the City and the community.

### OUTSTANDING YOUTH VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



**Jakarta Robinson**

Jakarta grew up participating in Signal Hill programs and currently plays on the JV basketball team at Poly High School where she is a junior. Over the past few years, Jakarta's volunteer work has included Concerts in the Park, Movies in the Park, the Halloween Carnival, and the Tree Lighting event. We are grateful for this outstanding teen and her contributions to our community.

### COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR



**Terry Rogers**

Terry Rogers has dedicated countless hours to the City of Signal Hill as well as other organizations within the city. Terry is an exemplary volunteer who is dedicated to the community not just through volunteering but also through her dedication to being a member of the Community Foundation, Police Foundation, Parks and Recreation Commission, the Friends of the Signal Hill Library, the Signal Hill Historical Society and the Chamber of Commerce. She truly loves our city and strives to make it a better place any way she can.

### CELEBRATED BUSINESS SPONSOR OF THE YEAR



**Big E Pizza**

Big E Pizza is a family-owned business that has been generously supporting the City for many years. Most recently, Big E Pizza supported the City's Community Services Department and its activities either through financial support or through the donation of goods and services. They have sponsored Concerts in the Park, donated food to many community meetings, and played a starring role in our annual Police Awards Dinner. The City is truly thankful for Big E Pizza's unwavering support.



**Judi Williams and Chuck Pearce**

Judi and Chuck have been volunteering with the City of Signal Hill since 2015. This husband and wife duo stepped up to help at our most beloved events including Concerts in the Park, Spring Fest, Halloween Carnival, the Tree Lighting Ceremony and most recently the Holiday Outreach program. This selfless couple makes a major difference in our City and we thank them for their dedication.

### VALUED VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR



**Jessie Nelson Middle School Interact Club**

The Jessie Nelson Middle School Interact Club continues to give volunteer support throughout the year to many City programs, services and activities. This past year, the Interact Club focused on introducing teens and young adults to the benefits of volunteering and community service. This group of young people assisted with special events such as the 2018 Mayor's Clean-Ups, 2018 Senior Valentine's Luncheon, Spring Fest, Hounds on the Hill, and Halloween Carnival.



## PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT MEASURE M (March) OR MEASURE N (November)

In November of 2017, the City of Signal Hill took the first step in complying with SB 415 (the California Voter Participation Rights Act) by adopting a plan to move its current General Municipal Election date to a statewide election date of either March or November of even-numbered years by the November 8, 2022 Statewide General Election. The next step is to amend the City Charter based on voter preferences.

The ballot of the March 5, 2019 General Municipal Election will include a proposed amendment to the City Charter in the form of two ballot measures to either amend the City Charter to change the General Municipal Election date to the Statewide Primary Election date in March of even-numbered years (Measure M) or to change the General Municipal Election date to the Statewide General Election date in November of even-numbered years (Measure N).

**Signal Hill voters will vote yes or no on the following measures:**

### **Measure M:**

Shall the measure, amending the City Charter to change the City's General Municipal Election date to the Statewide Primary

Election date of the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of even-numbered years (from current date of the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of odd-numbered years), commencing on March 8, 2022, and as a consequence extending one-time councilmember terms by one year, be adopted?

### **Measure N:**

Shall the measure, amending the City Charter to change the City's General Municipal Election date to the Statewide General Election date of the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even numbered years (from current date of the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of odd-numbered years), commencing on November 3, 2020, and as a consequence reducing one-time councilmember terms by four months, be adopted?

For more detailed information about the measures, including the full text, the Independent Fiscal Analyses, and other related documents, please visit the City website: [www.cityofsignalhill.org/2019Election](http://www.cityofsignalhill.org/2019Election) or contact the City Clerk's office at 562-989-7305.

## SIGNAL HILL GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION: MARCH 5, 2019

**The Signal Hill General Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 for the following offices:**

Two Members of the City Council .....Full four year term  
One City Clerk.....Full four year term  
One City Treasurer .....Full four year term

Two competing Charter Amendments to change the City's election date will also be on the ballot. Don't forget to vote! Register to vote online at [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net). If you'd like a voter registration form by mail, please contact the City Clerk's office at 562-989-7305. You may also pick up a registration form at City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, during regular business hours.



# SPOTLIGHT ON SIGNAL HILL

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Thank you to these Signal Hill businesses who participated in our Spotlight on Small Business program. Please support these local businesses! If you'd like your business or organization to be considered for Spotlight on Signal Hill, please send us an email at [social@cityofsignalhill.org](mailto:social@cityofsignalhill.org) or visit our website for more information.

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## BIG E PIZZA

3225 E. Pacific Coast Hwy.

562-498-8788

[www.bigepizza.com](http://www.bigepizza.com)

Big E Pizza is a casual Italian family restaurant specializing in pizza, pasta, sandwiches, salads and more; offering delivery and catering.

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## RUG'IT CLEANING

2321 E. 28th St. #408

562-606-2560

[www.rugitcleaning.com](http://www.rugitcleaning.com)

Rug'It Cleaning provides residential and commercial carpet, upholstery, area rug, tile and grout cleaning and natural stone polishing services.

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## TEN MILE BREWING

1136 Willow St.

562-612-1255

[www.tenmilebrewing.com](http://www.tenmilebrewing.com)

Ten Mile Brewing is Signal Hill's first craft brewing and tap room, offering a wide variety of beer styles made right here in Signal Hill.

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## ASSET MEDIA GROUP

2225 E. 28th St. #511

562-424-0824

[www.assetmediagroup.com](http://www.assetmediagroup.com)

Asset Media Group is a family of production companies offering professional video & film production, advertising media, content creation and digital marketing services.

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Large Graphics | Commercial Print

## MARKETINK XL

1406 E. 33rd St.

562-283-1022

[www.marketinkgroup.com](http://www.marketinkgroup.com)

Marketink XL provides various print marketing solutions including large signs and displays, indoor and outdoor banners, easel posters, large boards, photo backdrops and more.

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# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UPDATE



## NEW AND IMPROVED CALBRISAS PARK NOW OPEN!

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Join us for a ribbon cutting at  
Calbrisas Park, 2451 California Avenue  
on Saturday, February 23, at 11 a.m.

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The Community Services and Public Works Departments have been hard at work overseeing the upgrades. Visitors will now enjoy a new ADA-accessible rubberized play surface as well as new playground equipment. We hope you'll enjoy the new features.



## NEW EV CHARGING STATIONS

New ChargePoint electric vehicle (EV) charging stations are now available for public use in the upper Civic Center parking lot on Legion Drive, across from City Hall. Charging fees are \$0.55/kWh. Once your vehicle is fully charged, you will have a 30-minute grace period to move your vehicle. After expiration of the grace period, a \$2.50 hourly parking fee will be charged. The ChargePoint mobile app is your key to managing and paying for your charging sessions. The stations are possible thanks to funding from the Clean Transportation grant from AQMD's Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC). Additional charging stations will be available at the new Library. We encourage EV drivers and owners to take advantage of this new resource!



## MORE THAN 1,000 CITY STREETLIGHTS UPGRADED TO LED

New LED streetlights are now brightening up the streets of Signal Hill! At the end of 2018, approximately 1,150 streetlights in the City were upgraded to energy-efficient LED lighting through a partnership with Southern California Edison. These new lights are brighter, use considerably less energy, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

## SAVETHEDATE!

### BUDGET WORKSHOP

May 30, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. | City Council Chambers

## Sandbags & Sand

Available at the City Yard, 2175 E. 28th St.  
Monday-Friday 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Free for residents on a  
first-come, first-served basis

\*Self-Fill  
\*Must Bring Proof of  
Residency

Call 562-989-7250 for more information





## FUTURE PUBLIC LIBRARY CONTINUES TO TAKE SHAPE

Signal Hill's future public library has made a lot of progress over the last few months. Crews have completed the storm drain retention system, installed interior wood framing on both floors, installed 2nd floor roofing, continued plumbing/HVAC/electrical installations, began site grading for the parking lot, and constructed exterior retaining walls. Follow construction progress with us on our website, where we've posted time-lapse videos, photos and more: <http://www.cityofsignalhill.org/futurelibrary>.



## BE A PERMANENT PART OF SIGNAL HILL'S NEW LIBRARY

You can help support the Signal Hill Public Library Capital Campaign! It will make the new Library a truly special place by funding additional equipment, materials, programs and services that are key to the Library's mission: a dedication to free and equal access to information, knowledge, independent lifelong learning, cultural enrichment, and the joy of reading for our diverse community. There are two ways to support the Campaign: the Legacy Wall and Naming Opportunities. The Legacy Wall includes acrylic tiles that will be engraved with names and be mounted among others in a beautiful artistic display that will adorn the entryway of the new Library. Various naming opportunities are also available for donors who wish to sponsor a specific feature of the new Library, including a garden patio, teen reading room, reference desk, and more. We encourage the public to consider making this valuable investment in our community for years to come. To learn more, visit [www.cityofsignalhill.org/librarycampaign](http://www.cityofsignalhill.org/librarycampaign) or call 562-989-7330.

# ORGANIC WASTE RECYCLING

As part of the fight against climate change, California is working to reduce organic waste in landfills. Decomposing organic waste is a major generator of greenhouse gases. SB 1383, the Short-Lived Climate Pollutants Act, requires a 50% reduction in the level of statewide disposal of organic waste by 2020 and a 75% reduction by 2025.

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We can all do our part to reduce the amount of organic waste that ends up in landfills. Food waste alone accounts for approximately 18% of total landfill disposal. Consider composting in your own backyard, reducing the amount of food you throw away, and donating unwanted edible food to a local food bank or food program.

As a reminder, effective January 1, 2019, commercial businesses and multi-family dwelling units of 5 or more that generate 4 cubic yards or more of trash per week must arrange for organic waste collection services. Contact EDCO at 562-597-0608 to get started.



- 🍎 Plan your meals for the week and only buy those items needed.
- 🍎 Check your pantry and refrigerator before shopping to avoid buying food you already have.
- 🍎 Freeze food that can spoil quickly.
- 🍎 Learn how to store fruits and vegetables so they stay fresh longer.
- 🍎 Plan an “eat the leftovers night” each week.
- 🍎 Learn the difference between “sell-by”, “use-by”, “best-by”, etc. to prevent useable food from being disposed.

## SEEKING BEAUTIFICATION AND SUSTAINABILITY AWARD NOMINATIONS



The Community Development Department is looking for nominations for Beautification Awards and Sustainability Awards. Do you have a neighbor who recently re-painted, or put up a beautiful new fence? Did someone on your block install solar panels, or did your favorite restaurant make an environmentally-friendly change? We want to hear about it!

To submit a nomination, download a nomination form at [www.cityofsignalhill.org/awardprograms](http://www.cityofsignalhill.org/awardprograms), or contact Community Development at 562-989-7340 or [comdev@cityofsignalhill.org](mailto:comdev@cityofsignalhill.org).

## PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Our Parks and Recreation Master Plan is underway! Thank you to all of the residents who participated in our recent focus groups and community meeting to provide your valuable feedback about the future of parks and recreation in Signal Hill! If you haven't yet participated, be on the lookout for more opportunities to give us your thoughts, coming soon. For more information, contact Community Services at 562-989-7330.

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Life  
Better!**®



# MAYOR'S CLEAN-UP

September 22, 2018



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Fall Mayor's Clean-Up event on September 22, 2018, hosted by the Sustainable City Committee. Approximately 50 volunteers met at the Gateway Center parking lot on California Avenue to clean up the Atlantic/Spring Neighborhood.

## The Mayor's Clean-Up 10th Anniversary



From left to right, former Mayor Ellen Ward, and former staff member Gary James, at the first Mayor's Clean-Up in May 2009.

This year, we're celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Mayor's Clean-Up! The late Mayor Ellen Ward started the first Mayor's Clean-Up back in 2009. Stay tuned for upcoming dates for the Spring Mayor's Clean-Up. For more information, please contact the Community Development Department at 562-989-7340.

# LA-HOP: ASSISTING PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN LA COUNTY

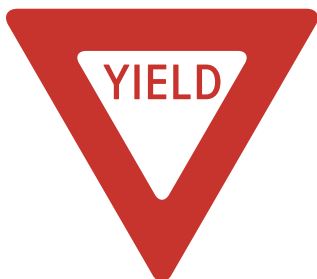
Throughout California, communities are working to offer services and resources to those experiencing homelessness.

Our officers are partnering with regional agencies including the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority and the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health. Outreach teams work to identify those in need and connect them with housing, medical, and mental health services.

The newest outreach tool, available to all members of the community, is the online Los Angeles County Homeless Outreach Portal (LA-HOP). If you are concerned about a homeless neighbor, and they are not in immediate danger, causing danger to others, or committing a crime, you may submit an outreach request via LA-HOP. LA-HOP can be accessed online at <http://www.la-hop.org>.

For more information regarding the Signal Hill Police Department's work with individuals experiencing homelessness, please contact Homeless Outreach Liaison Senior Officer Donald Moreau at [dmoreau@signalhillpd.org](mailto:dmoreau@signalhillpd.org).

Los Angeles County  
**la-hop.org**  
homeless outreach portal



## USING DESIGNATED SCHOOL DROP-OFF ZONES

When dropping children off at school or picking them up, please note that when you are merging back into traffic from the designated drop-off zones, you must yield the right-of-way to regular traffic. Whenever you enter traffic, signal and be sure you have enough room to safely enter the lane. Your vehicle does not have the right-of-way leaving the drop-off zone. The SHPD Traffic Bureau will be on hand as much as possible to monitor school pickups and drop offs, and will enforce right-of-way rules.



# SIGNAL HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Signal Hill Public Library: (562) 989-7323



## CONTACT INFORMATION:

Temporary Location:  
1780 E. Hill St., Signal Hill, CA 90755  
[www.cityofsignalhill.org/library](http://www.cityofsignalhill.org/library)  
Text the library: (562) 284-2766  
(to renew books or ask questions)

## LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday  
12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, Friday & Saturday  
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

## Library News



### Homework Help

Looking for a little help or just need a quiet place to get it all done?  
Preparing for an upcoming test? Stop by the Signal Hill Public Library!

The Signal Hill Public Library offers a collection of homework support and computer-based learning opportunities to enrich student study skills and develop parent participation and support. FREE homework help for students Grades K – 8. Homework help will be provided by Library Volunteers.

Homework Help Hours: Monday – Friday • 2 – 5 pm

Library Location: 1780 E. Hill Street, Signal Hill

Call the Library to make reservations 562-989-7323

## E-BOOK HELP

Tuesdays 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Wednesdays 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Signal Hill Library Staff will help you download e-books from the library. You will need to bring your own device (e-reader, laptop, or tablet) and know your passwords and usernames. Register by calling or visiting the library.

## Regular Programs

### STORY TIME

Baby and Toddler Story Time  
Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.

Preschool Story Time  
Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.

Story time programs are designed to stimulate young minds by introducing literature, music, and movement. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to participate to make a meaningful experience for the child. Snacks are provided.

### LIBRARY CLUB

3rd to 5th Graders  
Tuesdays, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Come to the library for a craft or game and a snack!

### LIBRARY DROP-IN PROGRAM

6th to 9th Graders  
Thursdays, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Drop by Signal Hill Public Library every Thursday for crafts, movies, gaming and more!

### FIRST FRIDAY BOOK CLUB

Adults 18 and up  
First Friday of Every Month  
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Participants are provided a copy of the books that are discussed, which alternate between fiction and non-fiction



titles. Dessert and beverages are served. During the new library construction the book club may be held at different locations. Please check with the library for each month's meeting location.

#### ENGLISH CONVERSATION (MANGO LANGUAGES)

All Ages

Mondays

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



You'll have one-on-one assistance using Mango Languages, an interactive learning resource for individuals learning a new language. Learning equipment will be provided for guests with a Signal Hill Public Library card. Registration is required – please call or visit the Library.

## Special Events

#### ANIME CLUB

Monday evenings Feb. 25, Mar. 18, April 15 and May 20

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Anime is Japanese hand-drawn or computer animation. We'll watch anime, discuss manga, play games and have fun. This event is free and open to ages 12 and up. Registration is required, please call or visit the Library.

#### VR (VIRTUAL REALITY) FOR SENIORS

Wednesday, February 20

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Seniors can experience a fun virtual universe using virtual reality technology. We'll have a selection of adventure, travel and action VR experiences for guests to enjoy. Registration is required, this event is for adults 55 and up.

## NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY EVENING FILM SERIES



February 13



With a Chef Demo by Ollie George featuring an inspired Asian dish.

April 10



Super hero costumes and cardboard box carts are encouraged for this event.

May 17



There will be face painting, story time, and a photo booth. Prince and princess attire is encouraged.

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Come to the Signal Hill Public Library to enjoy a free monthly film and refreshments. Register by calling or visiting the library.

# Special Events

## FOSHL SPRING BLOWOUT BAG BOOK SALE

Friday, March 1  
12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.



The Friends of the Signal Hill Library (FOSHL) will be selling quality gently used books, DVDs and audiobooks at low prices. The Spring Blowout Book Sale will offer all the books you can fit in one bag for \$5. FOSHL will provide the bag. The sale will be held on the Signal Hill Library Patio, 1780 E. Hill Street (located behind the basketball courts and playground).

## INTERACTIVE PRE-SCHOOL STORYTIME

Thursday, February 21  
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Come join the Blue Fairy interactive musical story time.

## AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY CELEBRATION

Saturday, February 23  
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Celebrate African American History Month at the Signal Hill Public Library! Join us for educational and fun events throughout the day with activities such as crafts, story times, poetry readings and live entertainment. While you're here, discover our resources to learn more about African American history and culture.

## READ ACROSS AMERICA – HAPPY BIRTHDAY DR. SEUSS!

Saturday, March 2  
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday and the love of reading! Join us for a story time, crafts and birthday cake. For all ages. Space is limited, please register by calling or visiting the Library.



## ASTRONOMY NIGHT AT HILLTOP PARK

All Ages  
Tuesday, March 12  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Astronomers will visit Hilltop Park on Tuesday, March 12 to teach patrons of all ages about the stars and moon. Astronomy Night will feature professional equipment provided by volunteers to give guests an up-close experience with the night sky. Registration is required, please call or visit the Library.

## COLORFUL KINGDOM PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME

Thursday, March 14  
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

This fun story time investigates how animals use color to hide from predators, catch food, and find a mate! By combining songs, artifacts, live animals and stories, children get to use all their senses to explore this theme.



## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 7-13

Celebrate the Signal Hill Public Library during the 60th annual National Library Week. We'll have lots of fun events and celebrations during this week. Please check online and/or at the Library for the full event schedule.

## EARTH DAY TERRARIUM

Monday, April 22  
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

In honor of Earth Day, you are invited to create a self-sustained garden known as a terrarium. Guests will be supplied with the materials to create and decorate a one-of-a-kind micro ecosystem. We welcome all ages to this event. Registration is required, please call or visit the Library.

## CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION

Friday, May 3  
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with us! We'll learn about the history of the event, make a craft, and enjoy music. Submit a homemade salsa to be entered into our Salsa Contest, or simply stop by and cast your vote for your favorite.

## DOG CPR CLASS

Adults 18 and Up  
Wednesday, May 8  
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Guest speaker Debra Jo Chiapuzio will share her knowledge about at-home dog safety and CPR techniques. Registration is required, please call or visit the Library.





# COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Call (562) 989-7330 for more information or visit [www.cityofsignalhill.org](http://www.cityofsignalhill.org)

## CONTACT INFORMATION:

2175 Cherry Avenue, Third Floor, Signal Hill, CA 90755  
[www.cityofsignalhill.org/communityservices](http://www.cityofsignalhill.org/communityservices)

## CITY HALL HOURS:

Monday – Thursday 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
 Friday 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

## ACTIVE ADULT PROGRAMS

### SOCIAL CLUB

2nd Thursday of every month

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Signal Hill Youth Center 1780 E. Hill Street

Have some fun with your neighbors and peers and maybe win some prizes! Spend the morning catching up with friends and making new friends! Light refreshments will be provided. BINGO is free to play and all are welcome.

### FOLDING GROUP

Every 3rd Tuesday

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Signal Hill Youth Center – 1780 E. Hill Street

The Folding Group meets monthly to fold the Active Adult Newsletter which goes out to active adults in our community. It is a time to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. Non-residents who participate are eligible to sign up for events at the resident rate during the following month.

## FAMILY EXCURSION



### CALIFORNIA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 18, 2019

Oxnard, CA

Depart: 8:00 a.m. Return: 5:00 p.m.

Adult: \$10 per Resident / \$15 per Non-Resident

Child: \$5 per Resident / \$10 per Non-Resident

Spend the day at the 36th annual California Strawberry Festival in Oxnard. This fun festival features the honored fruit dipped in chocolate, deep fried, smothered in whipped cream, and drizzled onto funnel cake. With more than 50 food vendors, 200 arts & crafts booths, "Strawberryland" just for kids, and a fantastic musical lineup, there really is something for everyone! Kick off the summer in a sweet way at the California Strawberry Festival!

## EXPLORE THE COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAMS ONLINE!

You can now register and pay for Community Services programs and excursions online. You can also view rental availability for picnic shelters and community rooms.

Welcome	0	Facility Rentals	13	Active Adults ...	5	Family Excur...	1	Upcoming Sp...	0
Tween Progr...	6	Youth Programs	53	Library Progr...	3	Community G...	5	Volunteer Op...	0

Bright Star Matinee...	City Hall	55/up	Sat	05/11/19	10am-5:30pm	27/25	\$70
Old Towne Orange ...	City Hall	55/up	Sun	03/10/19	12:30pm-7pm	43/45	\$40

If you have questions, or need help setting up your account, please call 562-989-7330.



# Spring Fest

**Saturday, April 20, 2019**  
**10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  
**Signal Hill Park**  
**2175 Cherry Avenue**

Wristbands will be available for purchase  
 \$3 Pre-sale • \$4 Day of Event

Wristband Activities Include:  
 Bounce Houses • Petting Zoo  
 Kids Crafts • Egg Hunts

Bring a bag or basket to collect  
 egg hunt goodies.

Bring your camera for free  
 photos with the Spring Fest Bunny.



## ELLEN WARD COMMUNITY YARD SALE

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 COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

### COMMUNITY YARD SALE

*Sponsored by the Signal Hill Community Foundation*

**Saturday, May 4, 2019**

**8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Jessie Nelson Circle In front of City Hall (2175 Cherry Ave.)**

Residents of Signal Hill and surrounding areas will have their personal items on display for purchase in one convenient location. Come join your neighbors and browse through unique items for sale. Items for sale will range from gadgets, artwork, and clothes, to books and albums to take home and add to your collection. Call 562-989-7330 for more information. Spots will be available for purchase starting in March.

### MAYOR'S RECEPTION

Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. or immediately following the conclusion of the City Council meeting.

Alpert Jewish Community Center  
 3801 East Willow Street, Long Beach

Please help us welcome the new Mayor and thank outgoing Mayor Tina Hansen for her service during the past year. Light refreshments will be provided.

This event is free to attend and all are welcome.

### COMMUNITY INFO

#### TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS

The City's subsidized transportation programs offer reduced fare transportation options to qualifying Signal Hill residents who are over the age of 62 or are 18 years and older and can provide proof of disability signed by a licensed physician. The program provides subsidized monthly bus passes for Long Beach Transit buses or Dial-A-Taxi voucher books for Yellow Cab service. Applications for these programs are available at the Community Services Department or by calling 562-989-7330.

Dial-A-Lift Long Beach is a curb-to-curb, shared ride transit service offered exclusively for the mobility-impaired residing in Signal Hill and traveling throughout the cities of Long Beach, Lakewood and Signal Hill. Contact 562-989-7330 for more information.

#### COMMUNITY GARDEN

Join the Community Garden and meet your neighbors while reaping the benefits of your seasonal harvests. There are a limited amount of plots available at this time. Plots are \$95 per year

paid quarterly and measure 10'x12'. If you are interested in a plot, please call the Community Services Department at 562-989-7330 or download an application on the Department website and mail it to City Hall, Attention Community Services Department.



#### BRICKS ON THE HILLTOP

Purchasing a commemorative brick at Hilltop Park is the perfect opportunity to celebrate any kind of momentous occasion or honor a loved one while supporting our community. The Bricks on the Hilltop program benefits our library and supports future library services. Please call 562-989-7330 for more information. Brick purchases are tax-deductible.



# COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



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## SPRING DAY CAMP

April 22 – 26, 2019  
Mon – Fri • 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Signal Hill Youth Center  
1780 E. Hill Street



Registration: Residents on March 4 • Non-Residents on April 1  
Resident: \$50 per week • Non-Resident: \$70 per week  
Excursion on April 25: Discovery Cube in Santa Ana, CA  
Additional Excursion Fee: Resident: \$14 • Non-Resident: \$19  
\*Full payment including excursion fee is due upon registration

## AFTER SCHOOL RECREATION CLUB



Signal Hill Youth Center, 1780 E. Hill Street  
Kindergarten Hours: Monday – Friday, 1:30 – 6:00 p.m.  
Grades 1st – 5th Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. and Thursday, 1:30 – 6:00 p.m.

ARC registration for the 2019-2020 school year begins May 13 for residents. Any child who will be attending Kindergarten through 5th grade for the 2019-2020 school year can enroll after May 14. **Currently accepting 4th and 5th grade students only.** Space is extremely limited. For more information please call 562-989-7329.

## SIGNAL HILL TWEEN PROGRAM



Las Brisas Community Center, 2399 California Avenue  
Grades 6th – 8th Hours: Monday – Friday, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Meet at Signal Hill Park (transportation to Las Brisas by City Vehicle). Space is limited – pick up a registration form today! Call 562-989-7329 for more information.

## YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM



### CO-ED YOUTH INDOOR SOCCER

Signal Hill Youth Center, 1780 E. Hill Street  
**Registration: February 5 – March 11 or until teams are full**

New athletes must provide proof of birth date at the time of registration. A \$10 registration fee for each participant must be paid to Long Beach. Space is limited! Sign up today! To be added to the program or be placed on a waitlist please call 562-989-7329.

## SCHOLARSHIP

Limited scholarships are available for residents to participate in the Community Services Department's Programs. Please call 562-989-7329 for more information.



Look for our 2019  
**SUMMER FUN GUIDE**  
in mailboxes in April!

## SUMMER PROGRAMS

**Registration: Resident: April 29 • Non-Resident: May 28**

### Signal Hill, Itty Bitty & Tweens Summer Day Camp

\$15 per week deposit due at time of registration. Deposits are not transferable or refundable in case of cancellation. Themes and excursion information will be available in April.

### ITTY BITTY • AGES 3-5

June 17 – July 12 (closed 7/4)  
Discovery Well Park, 2200 Temple Avenue  
Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Resident: \$65 per week • Non-Resident: \$85 per week  
\*Must be potty trained



### SPORTS CAMP • GRADES 1-5

June 24 – 28  
Signal Hill Park/Spud Field  
Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Resident: \$60 per week • Non-Resident: \$80 per week



### SUMMER DAY CAMP • GRADES 1-5

June 17 – August 16 (closed 7/4)  
Signal Hill Park Youth Center, 1780 E. Hill Street  
Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Resident: \$60 per week • Non-Resident: \$80 per week  
\*Excursions are an additional cost



### TWEEN SUMMER DAY CAMP • GRADES 6-8

June 17 – August 16 (closed 7/4)  
Las Brisas Community Center, 2399 California Avenue  
Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Resident: \$35 per week • Non-Resident: \$55 per week  
\*Excursions are an additional cost





## CITY VIEWS

News from the City of Signal Hill

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## CITY HALL

2175 Cherry Avenue

### Business Hours:

Monday–Thursday..... 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.  
Friday..... 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

City Hall (General) .....	989-7300
City Council.....	989-7301
City Treasurer .....	989-7319
Administration and City Clerk.....	989-7305
Business Licenses .....	989-7315
Community Services.....	989-7330
ARC, Tween, & Youth Sports Program .....	989-7329
Economic Development .....	989-7379
EDCO .....	597-0608
Finance .....	989-7319
Job Line.....	989-7385
Library.....	989-READ (7323)
Personnel.....	989-7307
Planning/Community Development.....	989-7340
Police .....	989-7200
Public Works .....	989-7351
Service Requests.....	989-7250
Water Customer Service.....	989-7315
Water Conservation Hotline.....	989-7350
Water Quality Info .....	989-7250
Emergency/Paramedics .....	"911"
Chamber of Commerce .....	1-888-687-1718
Long Beach Animal Control .....	570-PETS (7387)
Long Beach City College .....	938-4353
Long Beach Gas Dept.	
New Service .....	570-5700
Emergency .....	570-2140
Long Beach Unified School District.....	997-8022
Los Angeles County Fire Station 60 .....	595-1620
Business line – Non Emergencies	
So. California Edison	
New/Emergency .....	(800) 684-8123
Spectrum Cable .....	(888) 438-2427 (toll free)
Charter Cable-Business.....	(800) 314-7195
Frontier .....	(800) 921-8101

M-F 7 am – 7 pm, Sat/Sun 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

## CITY FACILITY LOCATIONS

City Hall .....	2175 Cherry Avenue
City Yard.....	2175 E. 28th Street
Library.....	1780 E. Hill Street
Police Department.....	2745 Walnut Avenue
Calbrisas Park .....	2451 California Avenue
Discovery Well Park .....	2200 Temple Avenue
Hillbrook Park .....	1865 Temple Avenue
Hilltop Park.....	2351 Dawson Avenue
Panorama Promenade.....	2398 Dawson Avenue
Raymond Arbor Park .....	1881 Raymond Avenue
Reservoir Park .....	3315 Gundry Avenue
Signal Hill Dog Park.....	3100 California Avenue
Sunset View Park .....	2300 Skyline Drive
Signal Hill Park Youth Center & Community Center .....	1780 E. Hill Street
Alvarado Elementary .....	1900 E. 21st Street
Signal Hill Elementary.....	2285 Walnut Avenue
Jessie Elwin Nelson Middle School.....	1951 Cherry Avenue

## CITY HOLIDAYS

City Offices will be closed on the following dates:

**Presidents Day:** Monday, February 18 (regular trash collection, no street sweeping)

**Memorial Day:** Monday, May 27 (trash collection one day late, no street sweeping)

**Independence Day:** Thursday, July 4 (trash collection one day late, no street sweeping)

## CITY COUNCIL/ COMMISSION MEETINGS

(All meetings occur in Council Chamber of City Hall)

### City Council & Successor Agency

Meeting: 2nd & 4th Tuesday Monthly  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Replays: Ch. 3 (Charter) and Ch. 38 (Frontier),  
Everyday 7:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

### Civil Service Commission

Meeting: 1st Wednesday Monthly  
Time: 5:30 p.m.

### Planning Commission

Meeting: 3rd Tuesday Monthly  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

### Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting: 3rd Wednesday Monthly  
Time: 6:00 p.m.

### Housing Authority and Public Financing Authority (annual meetings)

Meeting: 2nd Tuesday annually  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

### Sustainable City Committee

Meeting: 4th Tuesday in January, March, May,  
July, September  
Time: 6:00 p.m.

**Agendas are posted on the City's website:**  
[www.cityofsignalhill.org](http://www.cityofsignalhill.org)

## SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL

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